

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (currently amended) A method of producing a ceramic article ~~(30)~~, ~~characterized in that it comprises the steps consisting in comprising:~~

casting a slip ~~(8)~~ under pressure into a mold ~~(12)~~ in order to form a deposit ~~(20)~~; and

filtering a solution ~~(10)~~ containing a deflocculant through the deposit ~~(20)~~.

2. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the slip ~~(10)~~ is flocculated.

3. (currently amended) The method as claimed in either of claims 1 ~~and or~~ 2, characterized in that the slip ~~(10)~~ comprises kaolin.

4. (currently amended) The method as claimed in either of claims 1 or 2 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, characterized in that the slip comprises clay.

5. (currently amended) The method as claimed in any one of claims 1 or 2 ~~to 4~~, characterized in that the slip ~~(10)~~ comprises quartz.

6. (currently amended) The method as claimed in any one of claims 1 or 2 ~~to 5~~,

characterized in that the deflocculant represents at most 3% by weight of the article ~~(30)~~.

7. (currently amended) The method as claimed in any one of claims 1 or 2 ~~to 6~~, characterized in that the deflocculant represents at most 5% by weight of the solution ~~(10)~~.

8. (currently amended) The method as claimed in any one of claims 1 or 2 ~~to~~ 7, characterized in that the deflocculant represents between 0.20% and 3% by weight of the solution ~~(10)~~.

9. (currently amended) A ceramic article ~~(30)~~, characterized in that it is produced by ~~means of the~~ process as claimed in one of claims 1 or 2 ~~to~~ 8.

10. (currently amended) The article ~~(30)~~—as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that it is formed in a ceramic chosen from the following group: porcelain, vitreous china, earthenware and stoneware.

11. (currently amended) An intermediate product ~~(20)~~—for the purpose of producing a ceramic article ~~(30)~~, characterized in that the product is obtained from the mold after the steps set out in claim 1.

12. (currently amended) A device for producing a ceramic article ~~(30)~~, comprising a mold ~~(12)~~ and a first tank ~~(4)~~ suitable for containing a slip ~~(8)~~, characterized in that it comprises a second tank ~~(6)~~—suitable for containing a solution ~~(10)~~—and means ~~(14)~~—for injecting under pressure, into the mold ~~(12)~~, alternately the slip from the first tank and the solution from the second tank.

13. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that it includes means ~~(16)~~—for purging the injection means ~~(14)~~—prior to each injection of the slip into the mold.

14. (new) A ceramic article produced by the process as claimed in claim 3.

15. (new) A ceramic article produced by the process as claimed in claim 4.

16. (new) A ceramic article produced by the process as claimed in claim 5.

17. (new) A ceramic article produced by the process as claimed in claim 6.

18. (new) A ceramic article produced by the process as claimed in claim 7.

19. (new) A ceramic article produced by the process as claimed in claim 8.